

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--When it is necessary to retrieve items from a computer database where many choices are possible, it is known to use a hierarchical series of menus of selection items where levels of menus appear sequentially as needed. For such a system, see US patent 5,784,059 ~~5,784,069~~ to Morimoto, et al. which discloses a hierarchical series of linked menu levels used to select items related to location in an on-board vehicle navigation system. However, this approach does not address the need where a large number of characteristics must be entered into a database in order to fully describe an item in the database.--